



3rd July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 11 Headteacher Update

Last week we celebrated our Year 11 Leavers' Mass at Christ Church, Heald Green followed by our Prom on Thursday at Edgeley Park. They were two wonderful events which afforded us the opportunity to mark the end of Year 11 with our Leavers. Following the Prom, several staff from the venue wanted to express how well behaved the children were at all times during the night. They were an absolute credit to their school and their families. We now look ahead to celebrate once again at Results Day on Thursday 24th August 9.30 am – 11 am and at Prize Evening in November. Further details around Prize Evening will be communicated in the Autumn term.

Our Leavers' Mass was fitting, as Fr Tony spoke about purpose and asked the children to consider what they wanted in life. Now is the opportunity for our Year 11 children to go out into society and spread the Good News which fulfils our school purpose; "To educate and develop global Catholic citizens".

Following Excellence Evening which took place on 22nd June, the gallery of photos has now been uploaded, by our professional photographer, to our school website. It can be accessed via the large banner on the home page or via the news stories. You will be able to download the photos in high resolution to allow you to share this proud moment with your friends and family.

This week we welcome the newest members of our St James' family. On Wednesday evening at 6pm we have our Transition Evening for parents/carers. This evening is an information evening ahead of the Transition Day on Thursday 6th July. Transition day is always one of my favourites in the calendar and it is always fantastic to see children in their primary school uniforms ahead of starting life as a St James' student in September. Please keep the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

A reminder that on 12th July, we will be holding, weather permitting, our annual St James' Sports Day and we are looking forward to celebrating our school Values of Family, Faith and Excellence, as we have the opportunity for all children to get involved. On 13th July, we will begin Curriculum Excellence Week for Years 7 to 9 with a wide range of exciting activities, trips and visits. Meanwhile our Year 10 children will begin their 5-day Work Experience, a wonderful way for them to gain an insight into the world of work. The timetable for the 12th July onwards is set out at the bottom of this letter and I hope it will be a most enjoyable time for all our children.

A reminder that this week we are **open on both days for Year 7 and Year 8 only** due to the industrial action being undertaken by the National Education Union (NEU). The two school trips, Play with the Halle and Awesome Walls, will go ahead as normal on that day. A reminder that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and the general underfunding of schools. If any further strike days are announced, these will be treated separately.



Have a great week and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch
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Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher

Date	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
12 th July	Sports Day			
13 th July	Science activities	Germany Trip English activities	Germany Trip Maths activities	Work Experience
14 th July	Paris Trip Chester Zoo Alternative activities in school	Germany Trip Paris Trip Chester Zoo Alternative activities in school	Germany Trip Paris Trip Duke of Edinburgh Humanities activities	
17 th July	Paris Trip Careers Day	Germany Trip Paris Trip Careers Day	Germany Trip Paris Trip Careers Day	
18 th July	Paris Trip PE activities	Germany Trip Paris Trip Creative Technology activities	Germany Trip Paris Trip RE activities	
19 th July	Blackpool Trip Alternative activities in school	Blackpool Trip Alternative activities in school	Blackpool Trip Alternative activities in school	
20 th July	Spiritual reflection, assembly and Form time activities. School closes at 12.15pm			